

From: john@co.ferry.wa.us@inetgw
Date: 12/10/01 9:08am
Subject: Message-ID: <3C14EC48.FFBF669D@co.ferry.wa.us>

Message-ID: <3C14EC48.FFBF669D@co.ferry.wa.us>

Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2001 09:09:28 -0800

From: John Walden <john@co.ferry.wa.us>

X-Mailer: Mozilla 4.75 [en] (Win98; U)

X-Accept-Language: en

MIME-Version: 1.0

To: microsoft.atr@usdoj.gov, feedback@redhat.com

Subject: MicroSoft Ruling

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The first ruling against Microsoft, to break up the company, was correct and just. A mild punishment of Microsoft off will not foster competition, will not insure a strong industry and, will not benefit consumers. At the very least, Microsoft should make the current version (and future versions) of MS Office and other application software available for Linux. This would separate their operating system software from their applications software and prevent any future monopolistic behavior.

To punishment Microsoft by having then give their products to schools is a crazy idea. This will only foster their monopolistic practices and lock in future customers. It would be like punishing the tobacco industry by making them furnish no cost cigarette vending machines to schools.

John Walden
IS Director, Ferry County